

IN THE CLAIMS

--1. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system comprising an information-signal reading apparatus for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection, and an information-signal processing apparatus for receiving said main information signal and said information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, said information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out said information on said copyright protection from said recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting said information on said copyright protection read out by said readout means; and

output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on said copyright protection as encrypted by said encryption means, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which said copy control information is embodied; and

said information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

decryption means for decrypting encrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus; and

comparing means for comparing the decrypted information on said copyright protection with the unencrypted information on said copyright protection to judge if an attempt to alter the information on said copyright protection has been performed; and

control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, said information on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means, said judgment of whether an attempt to alter the information on the copyright protection has been performed and said copy control information.--

--2. (Original) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein said information on copyright protection is media-type information indicating the type of said recording medium.--

--3. (Original) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein said encryption means employed in said information-signal reading apparatus encrypts said information on copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.--

--4. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein:


information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal recorded on said recording medium;

said information-signal processing apparatus is provided with information indicating never-copy or one-copy detecting means for detecting said information indicating


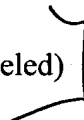
never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal received from said information-signal reading apparatus; and

said control means controls predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal by taking said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by said information-signal detecting means into consideration.--

--5. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback system according to claim 4 wherein:

 said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal; and

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control detecting means employed in said information-signal processing apparatus detects the superposed information on said main information signal.--

 Claims 6-12. (Canceled) 

--13. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out said information on said copyright protection from said recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting said information on said copyright protection
read out by said readout means; ~~and~~

output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said
information on said copyright protection as encrypted by said encryption means, and said same
information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said
information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which said copy
control information is embodied; and

comparing means for decrypting and comparing the encrypted information on said
copyright protection with the unencrypted information on said copyright protection to judge if an
attempt to alter the information on said copyright protection has been performed.--

--14. (Original) An information-signal reading apparatus according to claim 13
wherein said information on copyright protection is media-type information indicating the type
of said recording medium.--

--15. (Original) An information-signal reading apparatus according to claim 13
wherein said encryption means employed in said information-signal reading apparatus encrypts
said information on copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.--

Claims 16-19. (Canceled)

--20. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on said copyright protection as encrypted by encryption means, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied;

decryption means for decrypting said encrypted information on said copyright protection; and

comparing means for comparing the decrypted information on said copyright protection with the unencrypted information on said copyright protection to judge if an attempt to alter the information on said copyright protection has been performed; and

control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection, information on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means, said judgment of whether an attempt to alter the information on the copyright protection has been performed and said copy control information.--

--21. (Original) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein said information on copyright protection is media-type information indicating the type of said recording medium.--

--22. (Original) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein said encrypted information on copyright protection is information encrypted in accordance with a CSS system.--

--23. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal;

information indicating never-copy or one-copy detecting means is provided for detecting said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal; and

said control means controls an operation to output said main information signal by taking said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by said information-signal detecting means into consideration.--

--24. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein:

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal; and

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy detecting means detects the superposed information on said main information signal.--

Claims 25-31. (Canceled)

--32. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method for driving an information-signal reading apparatus to read out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and supply said main information signal and said information on said copyright protection to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal playback method comprising the steps of:

driving said information-signal reading apparatus to supply, to said information signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied; and


driving said information-signal processing apparatus to decrypt said encrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus[[,]];

driving said information-signal processing apparatus to control predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, said information on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption and said copy control information; and

comparing the decrypted information on said copyright protection with the unencrypted information on said copyright protection to judge if an attempt to alter the information on said copyright protection has been performed.

--33. (Original) An information-signal playback method according to claim 32 wherein said information on copyright protection is media-type information indicating the type of said recording medium.--

--34. (Original) An information-signal playback method according to claim 32 further including the step of encrypting said information on copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.--

 --35. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback method according to claim 32;

wherein information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal recorded on said recording medium, said information-signal playback method further including the step of driving said information-signal processing apparatus to detect said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal and control predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal by taking said detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation into consideration.--

--36. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback method according to claim 35;

wherein said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal, said information-signal playback method further including the step of driving said information-signal processing apparatus to detect the superposed information on said main information signal.--

Claims 37-43. (Canceled)

E1 --44. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading method for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal reading method comprising the step of supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied and decrypting and comparing the encrypted information on said copyright protection with the unencrypted information on said copyright protection to judge if an attempt to alter the information on said copyright protection has been performed.--

--45. (Original) An information-signal reading method according to claim 44 wherein said information on copyright protection is media-type information indicating the type of said recording medium.--

--46. (Original) An information-signal reading method according to claim 44 further including the step of encrypting said information on copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.--

Claims 47-50. (Canceled)

--51. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing method comprising the steps of:

supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied;

decrypting said encrypted information on copyright protection; and

comparing the decrypted information on said copyright protection with the unencrypted information on said copyright protection to judge if an attempt to alter the information on said copyright protection has been performed; and

controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection, decrypted information on said copyright protection, said judgment of whether an attempt to alter the information on the copyright protection has been performed and said copy control information.--

--52. (Original) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein said information on copyright protection is media-type information indicating the type of said recording medium.--

--53. (Original) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein said encrypted information on copyright protection is information encrypted in accordance with a CSS system.--

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--54. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal, said information-signal processing method further including the steps of:

detecting said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal;

controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal by taking said detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation into consideration.--

--55. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing method according to claim 54 wherein said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal, said information-signal processing method further including the step of detecting the superposed information on said main information signal.--

Claims 56-62. (Canceled)
